

INAUGURAL STATEMENT OF A RED GUARD NEWSPAPER
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Hung-se Tsao-fan Pao is triumphantly born amid the storm of the great proletarian cultural revolution and during the great struggle bourgeois reactionaries waged by the proletarian revolutionary line represented and exemplified by Chairman Mao. It represents another great victory of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

The birth of Hung-se Tsao-fan Pao serves as a declaration that we, the worker class has mounted the stage of the great proletarian cultural revolution. It will weather the storms of class struggle. It will propagandize with the greatest enthusiasm the instructions from the highest authorities; carry them out with the greatest resolution and the utmost faith; and to guard and defend their integrity with supreme courage.

Hung-se Tsao-fan Pao wishes to become the red battlefield in the war to propagandize Mao Tse-tung's thought; to become a sharp dagger which is plunged into the heart of the enemy.

Hung-se Tsao-fan Pao will propagandize the Sixteen Points most actively and vigorously; implement the Sixteen Points with the greatest resolve; and fight to defend them with supreme courage. Hung-se Tsao-fan Pao will use the Sixteen Points as a sharp-edged weapon in carrying out the great proletarian cultural revolution, in launching a general offensive against a handful of representatives of the bourgeoisie; and in wiping out all the rank elements which violates the rules of Mao Tse-tung's thought.

Hung-se Tsao-fan Pao is a publication of the Red Rebels among the trade workers in the capital city and also a publication of all the revolutionary comrades. We are all workers branded by the bourgeois class the

"big ignoramus." Today, we want to take the red pen in hand and to publish a red newspaper. We want to severely criticize the bourgeois reactionary line and to fight savagely the power-holders inside the party who walk a capitalist path. Furthermore, we are convinced that we will surely win a great victory.

For we, the Red Rebels, most strictly follow Chairman Mao's instructions and most resolutely implement these instructions. We are red workers and Chairman Mao's students. We have firmly grasped the great Mao Tse-tung thought which is ever victorious.

Hung-se Tsao-fan Pao will certainly exemplify the revolutionary spirit of the working class, the spirit of speaking out, of acting, and conducting revolutionary and rebellious work completely free of fear. It will firmly oppose advocacies of compromise, half-heartedness and slavishness. It will bravely put on its own shoulders the great and difficult historical task assigned by the Central Committee of the party and Chairman Mao, the task to carry the great proletarian cultural revolution to its completion.

Let the storm of class struggle rage on. Hung-se Tsao-fan Pao will grow up and grow strong in the storm.